

# **WORLINGWORTH CHARITIES Parish Report May 2017**

The Worlingworth Charities consist of The John Godbold Trust which has the original objective of helping the church and the poor, and the Educational Trust which was set up to help education in the village.

As in previous years in addition to helping pensioners with our Christmas Distribution of cash we have been able to provide funds to the Over 60,s Party, the Church, the School and Community Centre, as well as teenage college students who have asked for help with the purchase of study books.

As with all charities our income continues to be much reduced as interest rates remain very low, and it is very difficult to predict when this situation will improve . The Trustees have been actively exploring possible alternative investment options and have taken a major step forward by investing part of the capital in a world wide investment fund. In addition helped in part by those qualifying pensioner households who have generously declined a distribution, we have once again been able to maintain other funding to the village during 2016.

The Trustees have also been working hard over the past few years to establish their clear legal ownership of the land that the village primary school and its surrounding play areas are on which has now been achieved . Currently long term leases between the Charities and the Suffolk County Council are being drawn up and negotiated.

The Trustees are very pleased to welcome Graham Catling as a Trustee who replaces Jim Gobbitt following his many years service. On behalf of all the Trustees I would like to welcome Graham ( whose father Reggie was also a Trustee for many years) to the Charities.

Chris Watson

Chairman of the Trustees of the Worlingworth Charities

Trustees - Nora Ingate, Shirley Rutterford, Julia Rodwell, Graham Catling, Paul Maybury

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